

Bulletin No. 14 of 1930.STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE. 1929-30.

The details of the State's direct overseas trade for the month of June having been received from the Customs Authorities the Government Statist has now completed the grand totals for the year 1929-30 and issues the following brief review.

TOTAL TRADE VALUES. The grand total value of trade (Imports and Exports) for the year was £1,760,894 less than the previous year, the respective totals being £24,355,851 (£26,116,745) equal to £41.19.6 (£45.1.7) per inhabitant.

EXPORTS totalled £14,988,667 (£14,811,389), increase £177,278 the total value averaging per inhabitant £25.16.7 (£25.11.4).

IMPORTS. totalled £9,367,184 (£11,305,356), decrease £1,938,172, the total value averaging per inhabitant £16.2.10 (£19.10.4) the lowest average since 1919-20. Owing to the levying of higher tariff duties there was a general curtailment of overseas imports and marked decreases were noted in apparel, attire and textiles, Bags, Sacks, Motors and parts, and Metal Manufactures.

BALANCE OF OVERSEA TRADE. £5,621,483 (£3,506,033).

The value of the year's exports exceeded imports by £5,621,483 (£3,506,033) being £2,115,450 greater than the year 1928-29. Included in the Exports was Gold Specie to the amount of £2,030,000 (£250,000).

REVIEW OF DETAILS OF EXPORTS.

BREADSTUFFS. £3,950,080 (£4,170,702) decrease £220,622. The decreased quantity of 525,750 bushels of barley was mainly responsible for the decrease, the totals of the principal items being Wheat 11,979,700 (12,610,630) bushels value £2,996,746 (£3,055,570); Barley 642,260 (1,168,010) bushels, value £77,660 (£211,099); Flour 85,740 (84,016) tons, value £867,465 (£855,518).

PASTORAL & DAIRYING. £2,837,814 (£5,155,261) decreased value £2,317,447. Lesser quantities of wool and lower values for Wool and Sheepskins account for this huge decrease. The chief items were wool 53,544,696 (64,466,860) lbs., decrease 10,922,164 lbs. value £2,243,271 (£4,231,605) decrease £1,988,334. Sheepskins No. 1, 474,782 (1,348,515) value £366,936 (£626,809), decrease £259,873. Butter exports increased by 78,405 lbs. the totals being 656,097 (577,692) lbs. value £50,704 (£39,963). Tallow decreased by 15,927 cwts. the totals being 15,110 (31,037) cwts. value £25,492 (£51,231).

ORCHARDS & VINEYARDS. £1,368,115 (£1,004,975). This group shows an increase of £363,140. The shipment abroad of 651,255 cases of apples (fresh) valued at £251,697 was a record, exceeding the previous record year 1927-28 by 142,940 cases. This huge quantity was mainly responsible for the increased trade in this group. Other large items were - Currants 12,623,394 lbs. £274,122 (12,249,403 lbs. £242,206); Raisins 18,571,445 lbs. £332,720 (15,415,713 lbs. £309,809); Wine exports also showed improved trade the totals being 1,842,539, £455,055 (1,423,799, £389,146) increase 418,740 galls. galls.

MINING. £4,598,141 (£4,013,265) increase £584,876.

The products of this group are mainly of Broken Hill origin and smelted at Port Pirie. The increase is due to greater quantities of Lead and Iron Ore being shipped.

Silver 8,913,671 ozs. £846,971 (7,714,766 ozs. £905,897);
Concentrates - Silver, Lead and Zinc 3,880,980 cwts. £902,807
(3,701,464 cwts. £862,216); Copper 79,059 cwts. £90,979 (74,067 cwts. £94,023); Lead 2,114,000 cwts. £2,321,097 (1,892,396 cwts. £2,084,175);
Iron ore 580,242 tons £374,704 (44,000 £28,879); Salt 106,215 cwts. £17,472 (151,802 cwts. £26,503).

MISCELLANEOUS. £2,234,517 (£467,186)

The principal items in this group are Gold Specie £2,030,000 (£250,000)
Sandalwood 44,272 cwts. £55,888 (30,863 cwts. £42,497); Gums - Yacca
40,939 cwts. £17,728 (54,945 cwts. £21,830); Soap 1,182,827 lbs.
£13,745 (973,505 lbs. £11,499).

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS.

Groups	5 years' mean 1924-25 to 1928-29	1928-29	1929-30
	£	£	£
Breadstuffs	6,789,654	4,170,702	3,950,080
Pastoral & Dairying	5,505,637	5,155,261	2,837,814
Orchards & Vineyards	1,001,629	1,004,975	1,368,115
Mining	4,114,529	4,013,265	4,598,141
Miscellaneous - Merchandise	260,177	217,186	204,517
Gold Specie	56,324	250,000	2,030,000
GRAND TOTAL	17,727,950	14,811,389	14,988,667

REVIEW OF DETAILS OF IMPORTS.

GRAND TOTAL £9,367,184 (£11,305,356) DECREASE £1,938,172

AVERAGE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS £13,474,211.

ITEMS SHOWING DECREASED TRADE.

APPAREL AND ATTIRE £217,754 (£324,910), decrease £107,156;
TEXTILES- PIECE GOODS, &C. £1,139,874 (£1,524,788), decrease £384,914;
CORN & FLOUR SACKS 912,383 dozen £365,521 (1,060,859 dozen £523,437), decrease £157,916; WOOLPACKS 17,228 dozen £32,668 (21,918 dozen £49,369), decrease £16,701. FISH (ALL KINDS) £118,087 (£132,416), decrease £14,329. METALS AND METAL MANUFACTURES. (£2,956,360 (£3,954,133), decrease £997,773. The principal items in this group were :-
Machines and Machinery £996,954 (£1,356,199), decrease £359,245;
Iron and Steel £494,371 (£544,788), decrease £50,417; the line vehicles decreased £406,407, the totals being £845,916 (£1,252,323). Of these values, Motor and Parts covered £657,131 (£1,066,899), decrease £409,768. The Motor Chassis imported decreased 3,704, the number being 5,307 (9,011), and Motor Cycles by 48, the numbers being 1,331 (1,379).
RUBBER MANUFACTURES. £55,338 (£75,683), decrease £20,345. Of this total pneumatic tyres, covers and tubes, accounted for £20,253 (£28,453), decrease £8,200.
PAINTS & VARNISHES. £31,439 (£50,781), decrease £19,342. TEA increased in quantity but the value showed a decrease, 2,972,078 lbs. £177,787 (2,799,009 lbs. £191,610). WHISKY. £43,106 (£68,604), decrease £25,498.
STATIONERY, BOOKS &C. £195,097 (£209,449), decrease £14,352.
TOBACCO, CIGARS &C. £47,520 (£62,344), decrease £14,824.

ITEMS SHOWING INCREASED TRADE.

COAL 361,986 tons £353,506 (51,083 tons £47,946) increase £305,560. COKE 37,271 tons £59,310 (23,353 tons £35,542), increase £23,768. FERTILISERS (Phosphate Rock), 119,484 tons £255,382 (104,067 tons £206,527). DRUGS & CHEMICALS N.E.I. £275,685 (£267,668), increase £8,017. OILS IN BULK. £1,109,618 (£1,018,543); increase £91,075, covering Petroleum Spirit 29,468,880 galls. £805,066 (24,737,060 galls. £721,313); Lubricating (Mineral) 1,406,763 galls. £118,459 (1,600,411 galls. £112,830); Kerosene 5,235,229 galls. £114,110 (5,318,568 galls. £115,672).
TIMBER £394,515 (£324,054), increase £70,461 - Dressed 9,083,503 super feet, increase 2,551,919 super feet and Undressed 48,539,985 super feet, increase of 16,368,586 super feet.
PAPER. £310,969 (£309,859) Increase £1,110, this line included Printing, Paper 12,851 tons, an increase of 609 tons.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE, 1929-30.

There was a restriction of nearly £2,000,000 in the total value of Oversea Imports during 1929-30 as compared with the previous year 1928-29, yet owing to higher Tariff duties, the gross receipts from Customs and Excise duties only showed a decrease of £36,496 the gross amount being £3,174,986 (£3,211,482). Of the total sum collected, nearly thirty six per cent was collected from the lines, Ale, Spirits, Beer, Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes viz. £1,140,765 (£1,078,301).

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